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April 12, 2011

Wayne Avery  
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**RE: Water District No. 29**

Dear Secretary / Treasurer:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dunn  
Senior Water Right Agent

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Portneuf River Water Users District #29  
Water Users Meeting Held At the Lava Community Building March 7, 2011

Board members present: Craig Crandall-President, Ellis Gilbert, Randy Morris, Jim Andrus, Howard Hall, and Wayne Avery-Secretary.

Craig Crandall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone and asked everyone to please sign the roll before they leave.

Craig asked for the secretary to read the minutes for 2010. Minutes were read. Craig Crandall asked for any changes to the minutes as read. None. Randy Morris made a motion to except the minutes as read. Darwin Josephson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Craig Crandall asked the secretary to read the financial statement. Financial statement was read. The water users discussed why there was a check returned from the state insurance fund. The secretary had Steve Hebdon explain what had happened. He said that it was sent to P.O. Box 29 in Lava and was left there for several months before it was sent back to Boise. Then they sent it to him and he did not see me so he decided that he would just deposit it in the bank in Downey and by then the ninety days was past and they would not honor it. Discussed why Steve Hebdon insurance was cheaper this past year because the State paid for December and January premiums. Gene Fagnant made a motion to except the financial statement as read. Tom Barnes seconded it. Motion Passed.

Craig Crandall said that he recommend that Jim Andrus, Randy Morris, and Wayne Avery serve on the credentials committee to count water assessments used in 2010 if needed for voting. Ellis Gilbert made the motion to except the people to serve on the credentials committee as recommended by Craig Crandall. Byron Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Randy Morris made a motion to vote water used in 2010 if needed. Jim Andrus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Craig Crandall had the secretary read the proposed budget. Craig Crandall said that the board recommends that the proposed budget be amended to read Steve's expenses are \$9,000.02 instead of \$8,000.02 and total expenses read \$38,647.55 instead of \$37,647.55 with \$5,647.55 being used out of the \$12,742.34 carry over from last year bringing the new budget for this year at \$33,000.00 to bring in. Tom Barnes made a motion to except the amended budget as recommended by the board. Darwin Josephson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig Crandall said that the board recommends that we hire Steve Hebdon to continue two more years and elect him a third year and that Linda Hebdon is to serve as assistant water master, at no additional cost to the river district. With Steve's Hebdon wages to be \$16,000.00 wages, \$9,000.00 expenses for the 2011 water season. Gene Fagnant made a motion to except the board recommendation to hire Steve Hebdon as water master for the water year 2011. Darwin Josephson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig Crandall said that the board recommends rounding water assessments to the nearest dollar and to not use credit and debit system of billing. Randy Morris made the motion to except the board's recommendation. Tom Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Craig Crandall said that the board recommends using resolution B for collections, and use 2010 water figures for billings in 2011. Ellis Gilbert made the motion to except the board's recommendation. Candice Symons seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Craig Crandall said that the board recommended Tom Barnes to take the place of Ellis Gilbert and Byron Allan to take the places of Howard Hall on the board and the other board members will be Jim Andrus, Randy Morris, and Craig Crandall. Darwin Josephson made the motion to except the advisory board as recommended by the board. Gene Fagnant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig Crandall turned the time over to Ron Jolley to discuss the sale of Portneuf Marsh Valley canal company water to Pocatello. He went over what is going to happen when the sale is complete. He said that no one will be hurt by it and that the people need to quite trying to break the shrink because it has been to court three times and has not been broke yet. Lynden Symons asked how much water from the reservoir was natural flow. Ron turned some time over to Ellis Gilbert to answer that question and Ellis said that he did not know but Steve estimates it high. Ellis said they are going to put a measuring device at the head so that it can be measured by Steve and they are only going to turn out just what is coming in no extra. Craig Crandall asked for any new business. None.

Craig Crandall turned the time over to Dennis Dunn from the IDWR for anything he might have to present to us. He said he had nothing. Ellis Gilbert asked if adjudication was about completed. Dennis said no that people need to quite fighting over the water. Jim Andrus asked what the snow pack was at. Dennis said that we are at about 110% of normal. Ellis Gilbert said that the reservoir is about 55% full. Ellis Gilbert asked Earl Smith if he would release any water from the reservoir at this time. Earl Smith said no.

Craig Crandall thanked Ellis Gilbert and Howard Hall for serving on the advisory board. Craig Crandall called for a motion to adjourn. Randy Morris made the motion to adjourn. Darwin Josephson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourns at 2:45P.M.

Wayne Averis                      Gene Andrus  
Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 21 day of March, 2011.

Renée McBride  
Notary Public  
Residing at Lava Hot Springs  
Commission Expires May 31, 2012

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